

# A TALE OF CDD-FELLOWSHIP.

—OR—

## Woman's Curiosity.

A Lodge of the I. O. O. F., at Woodstown, determined to have their lodge room done up clean and nice, it was unanimously resolved that Mrs. K. should be employed to do the job.

After the meeting adjourned, the Guardian, who knew the inquisitive character of Mrs. K., procured a billiard case and placed him in a closet which was a reservoir for the secret things. He then informed the lady of the wishes of the lodge, and requested her to come early the next morning as he would then be at leisure to show her what was and what was not to be done.

Morning came and with it Madame K.—with her brooms, brushes, pails, tubs, &c., prepared and armed for the job, and found the guardian waiting for her.

Now, madame, said he, I will tell you what we want done, and how we want to employ you. The brooms came it was difficult to get any body to do this job and not be meddling with secrets in that closet; we have lost the key and cannot find it to lock the door. I assured them that you could be depended upon.

'Depended on' said she, 'I guess I can, my poor, dead and gone husband, who belonged to the Free Masons or the Anti-Masons, I don't know which, used to tell me all the secrets of the concerns, and when he showed me the marks of the gridiron made when he was initiated, and told me how they fixed poor Morgan, I never told a living soul to this day; if nobody troubles your closet to find your secrets till I do, they'll lay there till they rot—they will.'

'I thought so,' said the guardian, 'and I want you to commence in that corner, and give the whole room a decent cleaning, and as I have pledged my word and honor for your fidelity to promise, now don't go in that closet!' and then left the lady to herself.

No sooner had she heard the sound of his feet on the last step of the stairs than she exclaimed, 'Don't go in that closet! why, what an earth can there be in that closet? I'll warrant there is a big gridiron, or some nonsense just like the Anti-Masons, for all the world, I'll be bound. I will just take one peep, and nobody will be any the wiser, as I can keep it to myself.'

Suiting the action to the word, she stepped softly to the forbidden closet—turned the button—which was no sooner done than—Ba ah!—went the billiard case, with a spring to regain his liberty, which came nigh upsetting her ladyship. Both started for the door, but it was filled with the implements of house cleaning, all were swept clear from their position down to the bottom of the stairs.

The noise and confusion occasioned by such unceremonious coming down stairs drew half the town to witness, Mrs. K.—'s effort to get from under the goat and pile of pails, tubs, brooms and brushes in the street.

Who should be first on the spot but that rascally door-keeper, who after releasing the goat, which was a cripple for life, and uplifting the other rubbish that bound the good woman to the earth, anxiously inquired if she had been taking the degrees?

'Taking the degrees?' exclaimed our lady, 'if you call tumbling from the top to the bottom of the stairs, with the devil jumping after you, taking things by degrees, I have them, and if ye frighten folk as bad as ye have me, and hurt 'em to boot, I'll warrant they'll make as much noise as I did.'

'I hope you did not open the closet, madame,' said the door-keeper.

'Open the closet? Ere eat the apple she was forbidden! If you want a woman to do anything, tell her not to do it, and she'll do it, sartin.'

'I could not stand the temptation.—The secret was there—I wanted to know it—I opened the door, and out popped the ternal critter right in my face. I thought the devil had me, and I broke for the stairs with the devil butting me every jump—I fell over the tubs, and got down stairs as you found us—all in a heap.'

'But madame,' said the door-keeper, 'you are in possession of the great secret of the order and must go up and be initiated, sworn, and ride the goat in the regular way.'

'Regular way!' exclaimed the lady, 'and do you suppose I am going near that ternal place again, and ride that critter without a bridle or ladies saddle? No, never! I don't want nothing to do with the man that rides it. I'd look nice perched on a billiard case, if it was a goat, wouldn't it? No, never! I'll never go nigh it again, or your hall nathur; if I can't prevent it, no lady shall ever join the Odd-Fellows. Why, I'd sooner be a Free Mason, and be broiled on a gridiron as long as fire could be kept under it, and pulled from a garret to cellar, with a halter, in a pair of old breeches and slippers, just as my poor dear, dead and gone husband used to tell me they sarred him, and he lived over it too, but I never could live over such an other ride as I took to-day.'

You may rest assured I shall never see a goat but what I shall think of the Odd-Fellows and the degrees.

Not long since, an eastern man, while on his way to Boston, was stopped on the highway by a robber, and requested to hand over his money, or have his brains blown out. 'O!' said the traveller, quietly, 'blow away! it's better to go to Boston without brains than without money.'

PEACHES.—A well known dealer in fruit at Boston, thinks the peach crop for the present season is entirely destroyed. Half the 'blossom buds' were killed, he says, by the cold weather of December, and the remainder since that time.

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